

(a) whether any of the big industrial houses has submitted a proposal to set up an industry in the rural areas, especially in Rampur district of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). A total number of 477 proposals for the setting up of industrial units in backward districts of the State of Uttar Pradesh are at various stages of processing. This includes 12 proposals for the setting up of industrial units in the Rampur district. As a matter of policy, the details of cases under consideration are not divulged.

[English]

#### **Panel to Study Restructuring of Industrial Sector**

935. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a panel to study the restructuring of the Industrial sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b). Planning Commission have set up an Inter Ministerial Working Group on Industrial Restructuring on October 31, 1991 with the following terms of reference:

- (a) to review provisions in the existing laws regarding labour relations;

(b) to review the role of the State and local governments in industrial restructuring;

(c) to review the existing regulations governing transfer of land;

(d) to review the prevailing procedures for liquidation under the Companies Act;

(e) to review the current procedures regarding rehabilitation of sick industries by Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.

(f) to consider such other aspects as are relevant to overcoming obstacles to adjustment by industrial firms by way of restructuring, winding up and rehabilitation of workers, etc. and

(g) to suggest ways and means of brining about a smooth industrial restructuring including rehabilitation of workers through steps, such as appropriate terminal benefits for their retraining and redeployment in alternative avenues of employment, etc.

#### **Incentives for Setting up of Industries in Hilly and Backward Areas**

936. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new industrial policy has eliminated all incentives to entrepreneurs for setting up industries in hilly and backward areas;

(b) if not, the details of the incentives for entrepreneurs;

(c) whether the Government are aware that there is inordinate delay in financing the projects in these areas, the sanctioning authorities for loans are stationed at as far-off places;

(d) if so, the steps taken to rectify the same;

(e) whether the Government are aware the subsidies have not been paid to entrepreneurs in Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra for long time; if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government propose to give transport subsidy for units located in hilly and backward areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). For industrialisation of backward areas the Government in June, 1988 announced a Scheme of Growth Centres. Under the Scheme, 63 Growth Centres have so far been selected. Many of them are located in backward areas. In addition, Transport Subsidy is available for the backward and hilly States of the North Eastern Region, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, 8 hill districts of Uttar Pradesh, Darjeeling District of West Bengal and the Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshdweep. The subsidy ranges from 75% to 90% of the transport cost from selected railheads.

(c) and (d). Financial Institutions have decentralised operations to enable their regional and branch offices to process and sanction assistance to industrial projects. They also give priority to the processing of applications received from hilly and backward areas.

(e) Under the erstwhile Central Investment Subsidy Scheme, subsidy was first disbursed by the State Governments con-

cerned to eligible units and then claimed by way of reimbursement from the Central Government. Information on districtwise disbursement is not maintained centrally.

(f) Transport subsidy is already in operation in areas as mentioned in reply to parts (a) and (b).

[Translation]

#### **Assistance to Fruit and Vegetable Based Industries in Bihar**

937. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI RAM TAHAL CH-  
OUDHARY:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are providing assistance to fruit and vegetable based industries in Patna, Ranchi Rohtas and Bhojpur districts of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details of the assistance provided during each of the last three years; and

(c) whether the schemes regarding fruit and vegetable based industries of these districts of Bihar are pending with the Government for approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). Government has received the following two proposals from the Bihar State Tribal Cooperative Development Corporation Limited:-

- I. Project Report on development of infrastructure for mushroom cultivation and processing by Tribal villages.